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**A Slot Type Terminal and the Terminal Block
Provided with the Same**

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

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The present invention relates in general to an improvement of slot type electrical terminals and more particularly to the electrical terminal blocks employing slot-type terminals.

15 **Description of the Prior Art**

Generally, terminal blocks employing electrical terminal contacts, are used in great variety and numbers in communication equipment to facilitate electrical connection of insulated electrical conductors to the contacts in the data processing
20 system and harness thereof as well as to other conductors. In the past, the electrical connection has been accomplished by stripping the insulation from one end of the conductor and then soldering the conductor to the terminal contacts.

As a method of connecting an insulated conductor into a contact of a
25 conductor terminal, there has been proposed soldering of the conductor material to the contact. However, this procedure requires considerable skill on the part of the workmen making the solder connection and is somewhat cumbersome and time consuming. In order to overcome these disadvantages, terminal blocks employing insulation-penetrating slot-type terminal contacts have been developed. The slot type
30 terminal includes a pair of electrically conductive vertical blades, "each having a slot", or "forming slot therebetween" at free ends thereof as a contact. The construction of blades permits electrical connection simply by penetrating the insulation of conductors. The penetration into the insulation is obtained by compressive forces applied to the conductors during seating of the wire in the
35 terminal contact slot without stripping the insulation. In this slot-type terminal,

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problems may arise during the insertion procedure in that the crimping action of the slot to the conductor material requires that the conductor be restrained from flexing at this point so as not to damage the conductor. The flexing may cause degradation of the conductor material which ultimately results in its breaking off.

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The conventional conductor connecting terminal will be described hereinbelow with reference to Fig. 1 to 3.

Fig. 1 shows an exploded view of the conventional connector block provided with the slot type terminal block. W denotes the insulated conductor, reference number 1 denotes terminal block body, 2 denotes the conductor connecting terminal included in the terminal block body, and 3 denotes the cover thereof.

Fig. 2 shows the cross sectional view of the insulated conductor. Wc denotes insulated conductor, D denotes the diameter of the conductor material, and Wi denotes the insulation of the conductor.

Fig. 3 shows the perspective view of the conventional slot-type connecting terminal, finished with connection of the related insulated conductor, widely used in the terminal block shown in Fig. 1.

With reference to Fig. 1, a terminal block body 1 which allows connection of plurality of conductors has a plurality of recesses 4 for accepting related insulated conductor connecting terminals 2 in the shape of conductive strip material. As can be seen in Fig. 3, each of the connecting terminals 2 is comprised of an elongated rectangular base portion 5, a pin connector portion (not shown) extending at one end of said base portion, and a pair of upstanding blades 6 and 6, first blade 6 being extended upwardly at the other end of the base portion 5 and second blade 6 being extended upwardly and in parallel with said first blade at a distance therefrom. The upstanding blades 6 and 6 have respective U-shaped slots 8 in the vicinity of the center of the free end thereof provided with a pair of downwardly converging and oppositely disposed tapered edges 7 and 7. Said edges 7 and 7 form a pair of knife edges with sharp-edged blade therebetween. Since the distance between opposite knife edges substantially equals the diameter of the conductor Wc, depressing the insulated conductor into the slot 8 results in penetration of the knife portion into the

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insulation and thus the making of electrical connection of the insulated conductor with connecting terminals through both edges of the knife. In other words, electrical connection between the conductor material W_c of the insulated conductor W and connecting terminal 2 will be established at the two contact points C_1 and C_2 . This
5 electrical connection can be obtained with the aid of crimping action caused by the elastic restoring force of the blades at the slot 8, especially at said contact points C_1 and C_2 of the upstanding blades.

When insertion of the insulated conductor into the slot of the conductive
10 conductor connecting terminal has been finished, a separate protective cover 3 is mounted. As shown in Fig. 1, said cover 3 is mounted onto the terminal block body by fitting the downward protrusion 9 and 9 at opposite ends of said cover into corresponding recesses 2' and 2' formed at opposite ends of the terminal block body 1 or with a plurality of screws at several points, i.e. four corners.

15 In this type of conventional slot-type terminal, electrical connection is made only at a pair of contact points between the pair of knife portions at both upright edges of the slot and the conductor material. The connection between the other portion of the conductor material and terminal at the crescent shaped portion R of the
20 insulation may not be established, and thus, reliability of the connection will be degraded. Moreover, since the upstanding blades 6 and 6 crimp the related conductor material at said pair of contact points C_1 and C_2 only with elastic restoring force, force becomes concentrated at points C_1 and C_2 . The conductor material will suffer extremely high stress and thus lead to bending of the conductor and to damaging or
25 in the worst case, to breaking off of the conductor material. Otherwise, although immediate breaking off will not occur, occurrence and progression of the cracking at the contact point will lead to breaking off after a long period of use.

Also, in order to inspect any connection fault of the conductor from the
30 conventional terminal block, the cover 3 should be removed. When the cover is removed, all conductors will be exposed at one time. Accordingly, careless treatment of the operator may cause electrical shorts and damage the related electrical equipment. Thus, careful treatment is required during inspection or maintenance. Thus, when opening or removing the cover, the power supply applied to all of the
35 related electrical equipment except the equipment to be inspected should be turned

off.

In order to simplify the manufacturing process of the terminal block, connecting terminal made of a conductive strip and having inverted U-shaped
5 perpendicular portion at one end of the conductive strip has been proposed. Said perpendicular portion is formed with a slot.

As described hereinbefore, the conventional terminal block has the disadvantage of requiring careful handling and may cause breaking off of the
10 conductor materials.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Therefore, an object of the present invention is to provide a slot-type terminal
15 having enhanced connection reliability by providing a wide circumferential contact area between the conductor material and slots received with the conductor material while reducing the stresses from slot of the terminal onto the conductor material, and to provide terminal blocks employing this type of terminal.

20 In one embodiment of the present invention, there is provided a multi-connection terminal block including a plurality of electrically connecting terminal each of which provided with a respective cover, each said cover being comprised of fixed portion attached to the connector body and a movable portion, integral with the fixed portion, operable without any special tools, said terminal block body being provided
25 with clamping hooks so as to snappingly hold the movable portions of the cover in position.

Also, the present invention provides a connector block which may prevents the bending of the terminal contacts, especially after finishing the connection, and
30 establishes the connecting position of the conductor material.

In order to achieve said objects of the invention, the present invention provides that a slot type connecting terminal which may make connection between the conductor material of the insulated conductor and the slot with the aid of penetrating
35 the slot type contacts, provided with knife blades at the upright members on one end

thereof, into the insulation and contacting the conductor material therewith, through placing the insulated conductor in arrangement with the slot of terminal and pressing the conductor into said slot, characterized in that the slots have a semi-circular knife edge profile, at least the lower part thereof having a diameter substantially equal to
5 that of the conductor material and said lower section of the slot forms knife edges which can penetrate the insulation of the conductor. According to the preferred embodiment of the invention, the upright members have an inverted U-shaped perpendicular portion, said slots are formed in longitudinal direction of the terminal and through said rising portion of the terminal.

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In another embodiment of the invention, a terminal block employing the slot type terminal and respective covers each of which having protrusion on the bottom opposing each of the related slot, for holding and pressing the insulation of conductors and thus establishing the contact between the connector materials and the
15 slots.

According to the other embodiment of the invention, there is provided a vertical cutout at the bottom of each slot and a horizontal cutout extending bidirectionally from and horizontally to the lower end of said vertical cutout.

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According to a further embodiment of the invention, the upper portion over said semicircular portion is divergently tapered in view of the longitudinal direction of the terminal.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The invention is described below in detail with reference to the accompanying drawings in which:

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Figure 1 is an exploded perspective view showing the embodiment of the conventional terminal block for connecting the plurality of insulated conductor with the other component;

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Figure 2 is a cross-sectional view of the insulated wire;

Figure 3 is an enlarged perspective view of the slot type terminal as shown in Fig. 1 after being connected with the insulated conductor;

Figure 4 is an exploded perspective view of the terminal block of a preferred embodiment of the present invention for connecting insulated conductor, (a) showing a terminal block cover, (b) showing a conductor connecting terminal, (c) showing a terminal block body;

Figure 5 is an exploded perspective view of another embodiment of (a) the terminal block body, the upper surface of rising portion being flat and (b) the conductor connecting terminal to be seated therein and being provided with supporting portion which can support the rising portion of the terminal block body;

Figure 6 is a perspective view of a further embodiment of the conductor connecting terminal;

Figure 7 is a cross-sectional view along with the line VII-VII in figure 6, showing the terminal body to which a terminal is seated and connection is finished and a cover closed thereon;

Figure 8 is a cross-sectional view similar to Figure 7 except that the terminal block cover has downward-extending protrusion for compressing and holding the insulated conductor in position;

Figure 9 is a perspective view of the conductor connecting terminal according to another embodiment of the invention;

Figure 10 is a cross-sectional view along the line X-X in Figure 9 showing the condition that the conductor connecting terminal is seated onto the terminal block body and has a vertical cutout therein;

Figure 11 is a cross-sectional view of the embodiment of the invention, similar to Figure 10, in that the conductor connecting terminal further has a horizontal cutout and cutaway therein;

Figure 12 is a cross-sectional view showing position in that conductor has been connected into the connecting terminal as shown in Figure 11 and placed the cover thereon;

5 Figure 13 is a cross-sectional view of the embodiment similar to that of Figure 12 except that the terminal block cover has downward protrusion for compressing and holding the insulated conductor in position;

10 Figures 14 and 15 are diagrammatical end views of the embodiment of this invention having three or four connecting terminals in the position that the connection of the conductor has been finished.

15 Figure 16 (a) to (k) shows selective embodiments adopting slot type contacts of the invention to the terminal end of various types of male or female pin connector.

DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS

20 A description of the present invention will be made hereinbelow with reference to the other drawings.

25 Fig. 4 is an exploded view of the terminal block 10 showing a configuration of the terminal block 10 of the present invention composed of a terminal block cover, a slot type connecting terminal and a terminal block body formed with a recess for receiving slot type conductor connecting terminal.

30 In the cover 20 of terminal block 10, there is formed with an opening in the vicinity of one end thereof and an inverted taper notch type scoring line 24 is formed transversely at a distance to the opening. Thus, the top surface 25 of the scoring line area 24 formed into thin film acts as a snap hinge which allows the turning of the movable portion about the scoring line.

35 In the terminal block body 30, there is formed a recess 31 for receiving a slot type conductor connecting terminal. Recess 31 will be aligned to the conductor receiving groove 33 formed in the body 30. Also, screw holes 34 corresponding to holes 22 of the cover 20 are formed into the block body 30. When making

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assembling the cover 20 and body 30, screws (not shown) are inserted through these holes 22 and 34. For maintenance, inspection and conductor change, the operator can obtain access to the terminal by simply turning the movable portion 27 of the cover 20 about the snap hinge portion 25 without disassembling the whole cover 20 by unscrewing the screw. The other end of the terminal block body opposite the screw holes 34 has vertically oriented hooks 36, 38 on its opposite sides. The distance between the opposite hooks 36, 38 is substantially the same as the transverse width of the corresponding portion of the cover 20. At the top of each vertical hook, there is a snap shoulder at the same level with the height of the cover. Also, on each of the bottom surface of cover 20 and top surface of the terminal block body, there are respective conductor receiving grooves 23 and 33 for tightly holding the insulated conductor. In other words, closing the cover onto the body will fix the cover by snapping action of the shoulder to the top surface of the cover 20. Under these circumstances, since the diameter of the cylindrical hole to be formed by the conductor receiving grooves 23 of the cover 20 and the conductor receiving grooves of the body 30 are substantially less than the diameter of the insulated conductor, closing the cover after aligning the leading end portion of the conductor W above the groove 33 will provide for a reliable grip of the conductor. When desired, a waterproof gasket (not shown) may be provided on the bottom surface of the cover 20 and/or top surface of the terminal block body 30 as well as the conductor receiving grooves 23, 33 in order to provide waterproofing of the terminal block.

The slot type conductor connecting terminal 40 has inverted U-shaped vertical portion in the vicinity of its one end, and said rising portion has a slot 42 along its longitudinal direction. Said slot 42 comprises an upper part and a lower part. The configuration of said lower part is semicircular, the diameter of which is substantially the same as the outer diameter D of conductor material and the angle formed is more than 180°. The upper part of the slot comprises two opposingly disposed substantially vertical knife blades extending in parallel or converging in a downward direction. Thus, penetration of the knife blade into the lower half of insulation by pressing of the insulated conductor into the slot 42 of the connecting terminal 40 in the direction of the arrow I will make the connection between the conductor and connecting terminal 40.

The vertical portion has enlarged recess portion on its center substantially

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larger than the outer diameter of the insulated conductor and the insulation will be penetrated not in the enlarged recess portion but only by the vertical knife blade of the slot when pressed down over the transition point between the enlarged portion and the vertical knife blade portion. A pin contact 44 for connecting with a pin type
5 terminal is formed at another end of the terminal 40.

In order to make a secure connection of the conductor in spite of the movement of the extended portion of the insulated conductor, said conductor is securely fixed in the connecting terminal when the mounting screws are screwed into
10 the cover 30 after inserting the leading portion of the insulated wire into the conductor receiving groove 33 terminal and mounting the cover 20 in place.

Figure 5 is a perspective view of another embodiment of the terminal block body, in which (a) shows an embodiment wherein the upper surface of rising portion
15 being flat and (b) shows an embodiment wherein the terminal receiving recess 31 of the conductor terminal block body 30 is provided with supporting portion 32 which can support the rising portion 52A of the connecting terminal 40A. This terminal block body 30 is formed with a terminal receiving recess and conductor receiving groove on the bottom surface thereof in order to make connection on the lower part
20 of the terminal body. In this embodiment, there are also provided downwardly protruding hooks 37, 39 extending oppositely to the hooks 36, 38 described before on the lower surface of the terminal block body 30. The supporting portion 32 of the terminal block body 30 acts as a protection for the vertical portion to prevent bending or collapsing when the insulated conductor is inserted into the slot of
25 terminal and leads to easy inserted and thus improve the reliability of the connection when the insulated conductor is pressed down into the slot.

It can be seen from Figure 4 and Figure 5 that pin contact member 44, 44A at one end of the connecting terminals 40, 40A, and an inverted U-shaped rising
30 portion on the other end. However, modification of the embodiment may be made by forming an inverted U-shaped vertical portion with a slot therein at both ends of the terminal. In addition to this, change of the location of the pin contact may be made. Also, other modification are possible by forming an inverted U-shaped rising
35 shaped vertical portion at the other end.

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Since the slot 42 of the connecting terminal 40 is to be contacts the conductor material, at least at the lower half, it would be superior in view of the interconnection and gripping action to those of the conventional connecting terminal 2, of which contact is made only at a pair of contact points C_1 and C_2 as shown in Figure 3. In addition, in spite of application of any external forces, connection at the connecting terminal 40 is advantageously established with secure engaging force generated between the cover 20 and terminal block body 30 when a snug fit of the leading portion of conductor within the conductor receiving groove is achieved. If an inspection for maintenance or for confirming the state of connection is required, this embodiment does not require unscrewing the fixing screws, and only needs pulling back of both of the hooks 36, 38 and simply turning of the movable portion 27 of the cover 20 from the terminal block body 30.

Figure 6 shows a conductor connecting terminal according to another embodiment of the invention. Figure 7 is a cross-sectional view showing the combination wherein the terminal body 30, to which a terminal 50 is seated, and a cover 20, and wherein the connection of conductor W into the slot of terminal 50 is finished and a cover 20 closed thereon. In this embodiment, the slot is comprised of a taper portion 56 and an arcuated portion 59, and both of said portions 56, 59 form knife blades. Accordingly, in the course of passing through tapered portion 56, the insulation of conductor is cut and penetrated by the knife blades of the slot on the terminal, lower half circle or more of said insulation will be cut out by the arcuated portion 59 of knife blade of slot and thus forming lower half circle or more of contact area when reached to the bottom of the slot. This results or secure connection covering a substantially wider area in comparison to the conventional connecting terminal of which contacting area is made only at a pair of contact points C_1 and C_2 leaving crescent shaped non-contacted area R.

Figure 8 is a cross-sectional view showing an embodiment wherein the terminal block cover having downward protrusion for compressing and holding the insulated conductor in position is used in the combination of Figure 7. Use of the downward protrusion P can make connection between the terminal 50 and the conductor W to be more secure and thus position of the conductor to be stabilized by weighing down of the insulated conductor into the slot of the connecting terminal 50.

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Figure 9 is a perspective view of the connecting terminal 50A having vertical cutout 62 extending from the bottom of the slot 54.

Figure 10 is a cross-sectional view along with line X-X in Figure 9 showing the condition that connecting terminal 50A is seated onto the receiving recess 31 of the terminal block body 30. The slot 54, formed in the vertical portion 52 of the connecting terminal 50A, is comprised of a downwardly converging tapered portion 56 and a circular portion 60 disposed thereunder. The arc of the circular portion 60 is more than 180° at the diameter D of the conductive material. Accordingly, since width of the trough 58 formed between the opposite ends of the arcuation is somewhat narrower than the diameter D of the conductor material, the conductor material will push out the trough in the course of pressing down the conductor. When the trough 58 is pushed out to expand the slot, the combination of a cutout 62 and a hole 64 positioned at the end of said cutout 62 will assist the expansion of the slot. When the expanding force is released after conductor material passes the trough 58, the slot will be restored its original shape, and thus, the conductor material will be set the arcuated portion 60. In this circumstance, tapered portion 66 of the slot will penetrate the insulation easier. The width δ of trough 58 is preferably as narrow as possible so that a substantial portion of the lower part of insulation is penetrated. However, making δ too narrow will cause an undesirable increase of the stress applied to the conductor material by the trough 58, as well as damaging said conductor material. Therefore, the width δ of trough 58 is preferably determined such that the shearing force applied to the conductor material, when passing through the trough 58, is somewhat relieved with the aid of any one or both of the vertical cutout 62 and hole 64 and thus there is penetration only of the insulation of the conductor.

Figure 11 is a cross-sectional view of the embodiment of the the conductor connecting terminal 50B seated in the terminal block body 30 and having a horizontal cutout 66 extending horizontally opposite from the lower end of the vertical cutout 62 and a pair of holes 67, 68 at each terminal end of said cutout 66. With this horizontal cutout 66 in combination with the vertical cutout 62, passing through the trough will be made easier in comparison to the embodiment as shown in Figure 10.

In addition, making cutoffs on each lower edges of the rising portion may make the pushing out of the slot easier.

Figure 12 is a cross-sectional view showing position in that conductor W has been connected into the connecting terminal 50B seated on the receiving recess of the terminal block body 30, as shown in Figure 11, and placed the cover 20 thereon.

- 5 Figure 13 is a cross-sectional view of the embodiment similar to that of Figure 12 except that the terminal block cover 20A have downward protrusion 21.

When use of the cover 20A having downward protrusion 21 at the lower surface thereof is made as shown in Figure 8 and Figure 13, the location of the
10 protrusion may be determined such that the protrusion is located at the front or rear point of the rising portion of the connecting terminal. Also, if there are a plurality of rising portions arranged longitudinally of the terminal, the protrusions may preferably be located therebetween.

- 15 In place of the vertical cutout 62 extending from the lower end of the arcuated portion of the slot and/or the horizontal cutout 66 extending from the vertical cutout 62, adoption of radially extending cutouts may be made. Also, the cutouts need not be linear and may be made as a slit having a width therein as long as the configuration which can facilitate the trough to be pushed out and relieving the
20 stresses being applied on the terminal.

Figure 14 and Figure 15 are diagrammatical end view of the embodiment having three or four connecting terminals in the position and each of the terminals having respective cover. Figure 14 shows an embodiment wherein connection of three
25 conductors has been made at upper, lower and side portions, whereas Figure 15 shows another embodiment wherein connection of four conductors has been made at upper, lower and both side portions. As can be seen from Figure 14, since the diameter of cylindrical bore, made from aligning of the conductor receiving groove 33 formed in the terminal block body 30 and corresponding groove 23 formed in the
30 cover 20 by the abutment of the cover 20 and the block body 30, is somewhat less than the outer diameter of the insulated conductor, placing the cover in position will assist the establishment of the conductor's setting position. Each of the cover is placed and fixed onto the block body 30 in such a manner that the movable portion 27 on one side of the hinge having conductor receiving recess 23 is releasably
35 mounted on said body 30 by the hooks formed on the terminal block body and the

unmovable portion on another side of the hinge is mounted on said body 30 by a plurality of screws inserted through the holes in the vicinity of its one end. Thus, the movable portion 27 can be easily pulled and turned over by the pivoting movement about the hinge 25.

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It will be understood that the invention may be embodied in other specific forms without departing from the spirit or central characteristics thereof. The present examples and embodiments, therefore, are to be considered in all respects as illustrative and not restrictive, and the invention is not to be limited to the details
10 given herein.

For example, although the present embodiment adopts the connecting terminal 40 having a pin contact member 44 at one end thereof and an inverted U-shaped rising portion at another end thereof, the pin connecting member can be disposed at
15 the center of the connecting terminal while disposing two inverted U-shaped rising portions at the opposite ends of the terminal.

Also, without preparing the U-shaped rising portion, use of vertical walls shown in Figure 3 having slot of the present invention.

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As an alternative embodiment, colored rubber packings, which can make distinction of conductors to be connected, may be placed on the conductor receiving grooves when the distinction of the polarity or function of conductors, i.e. + conductor, - conductor, and an earth conductor is required.

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Also, as a further embodiment, seals may be applied to the one or both of the respective surfaces of the cover and those of the terminal block body, which will be abutted when closing the cover, to improve the water proof property. A plurality of the rising portion may be adopted in one terminal in order to enhance the
30 reliability of connection. Use of a plurality of vertical cutouts and/or a plurality of radial cutouts as well as a slit type cutout or curved cutouts may be made.

In addition, although preferred embodiments using only one connecting terminal on one surface of the terminal block is illustrated and described hereinbefore,
35 a plurality of connecting terminals may be used on one surface of the terminal block.

Figure 16 (a) to (c) are showing selective embodiments adopting slot type contact of the invention to the terminal end of various types of female pin connector, and (d) to (k) are showing selective embodiments for the various type of male connector. With these configurations, an improvement in connection reliability may
5 be obtained and the reduction of stress being applied to the conductor material may be achieved.

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We claim;

1. A slot-type connecting terminal which makes a connection between the conductor material of the insulated conductor and the slot, comprising a base portion made of a conductive strip and an inverted U-shaped rising portion disposed at the vicinity of at least one end of said base, having a slot defined longitudinal direction thereof, at least a portion of said slot forming knife blades which can penetrate the insulation and making contact with the conductor material by placing the insulated conductor in arrangement with the slot of terminal and pressing down of the conductor into said slot, characterized in that the slot 42 has an arcuated profile, at least the lower part thereof having arcuation angle of more than 180° and having a diameter substantially equal to that of the conductor material Wc of the insulated conductor W, and said lower part of the slot forms knife edges which can penetrate the insulation Wi of the conductor W.

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2. The slot type terminal of Claim 1 wherein the upper part over the arcuated lower part of the slot 42 is upwardly and divergently tapered.

3. The slot type terminal of Claim 1 wherein arcuated angle of the lower part of the slot 42 is 180° and the vertical slot is formed thereover.

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4. The slot type terminal of any one of Claims 1 to 3 wherein said slot has a vertical cutout 62 extending downwardly from the bottom of the arcuated lower part of the slot 42, said vertical cutout 62 having a relief hole 64 at its lower end.

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5. The slot type terminal of any one of Claims 1 to 3 wherein said slot has a vertical cutout 62 extending downwardly from the bottom of the arcuated lower part of the slot 42, and a horizontal cutout extending horizontally oppositely from the lower end of the vertical cutout 62 and a pair of holes 67, 68 at each terminal end of said cutout 66.

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6. The slot type terminal of any one of Claims 1 to 3 wherein said slot type terminal comprises an inverted U-shaped rising portion 52 and 52A at one end thereof defining a slot 42 therein and a plurality of inverted U-shaped rising portion 52 and 52A at another end of thereof defining a slot 42 therein.

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7. The slot type terminal block for making a connection between the conductor material of the insulated conductor and the slot, comprising a slot type terminal having a rising portion disposed at the vicinity of at least one end of the base thereof and an inverted U-shaped rising portion having a slot defined in a longitudinal direction thereof, at least a portion of said slot forming knife blades which can penetrate the insulation and making contact with the conductor material by placing the insulated conductor in arrangement with the slot of terminal and weighing down of the conductor into said slot, a terminal block body having at least one terminal receiving recesses for receiving said slot type terminal, and a cover for covering and protecting said terminal block body, characterized in that said slot have arcuated profile, at least the lower part thereof having arcuation angle of more than 180° and having a diameter substantially equal to that of the conductor material W_c of the insulated conductor W , and said lower part of the slot forms knife edges which can penetrate the insulation W_i of the conductor W .

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8. The terminal block of Claim 7 wherein said terminal block body 30 has on top surface thereof a conductor receiving groove 33 having a semi-circular cross-section with a substantially same diameter to the outer diameter of insulated conductor, and said cover 20 having a conductor receiving groove with same profile and dimension as said conductor receiving groove 33 oppositely disposed when closing the cover onto the block body on the bottom surface thereof.

9. The terminal block of Claim 7 wherein said cover 20 is provided with a pair of screw holes 22 in the vicinity of one end opposite to the end formed with a conductor receiving groove 23, and said terminal block body 30 is provided with a pair of screw holes 34 in alignment with the holes 22 of the cover 20

10. The terminal block of Claim 9 wherein said cover 20 has a scoring line formed in a transverse direction to the length of said cover by cutting off a part of its height leaving thin film at the scoring line.

11. The terminal block of Claim 10 wherein said terminal block body 30 has a pair of upwardly extending opposing hooks 36, 38 for snappingly holding the cover 20 at opposite sides in the vicinity of the end formed with a conductor receiving groove 33.

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12. The terminal block of any one of Claims 7 to 11 wherein said cover 20 has, at a location of its bottom surface to be aligned to the slot of the terminal 40, a downward protrusion 21 for suppressing and holding down the insulated conductor W seated within the slot.

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13. The slot type terminal of any one of Claims 7 to 11 wherein the upper part over the arcuated lower part of the slot 42 is upwardly and divergently tapered.

14. The slot type terminal of any one of Claims 7 to 11 wherein said slot 10 has a vertical cutout 62 extending downwardly from the bottom of the arcuated lower part of the slot 42, said vertical cutout 62 having a relief hole 64 at its lower end.

15. The slot type terminal of any one of Claims 7 to 11 wherein said slot having a vertical cutout 62 extending downwardly from the bottom of the arcuated 15 lower part of the slot 42, and a horizontal cutout extending opposite and horizontally from the lower end of the vertical cutout 62 and a pair of holes 67, 68 at opposite terminal ends of said cutout 66.

16. A pin connector comprising one or a plurality of slots as described in the 20 preceding Claims 1 to 6 at respective terminal ends thereof.

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Fig. 1

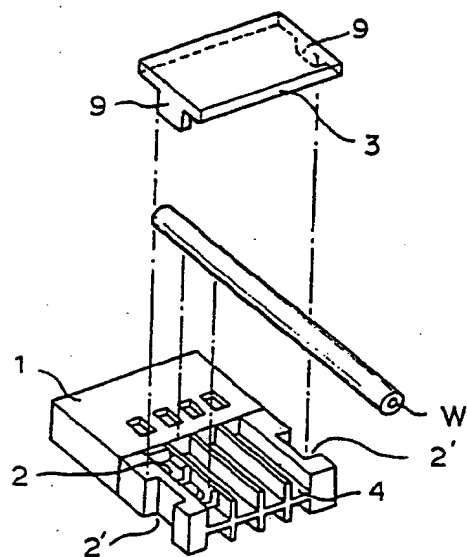


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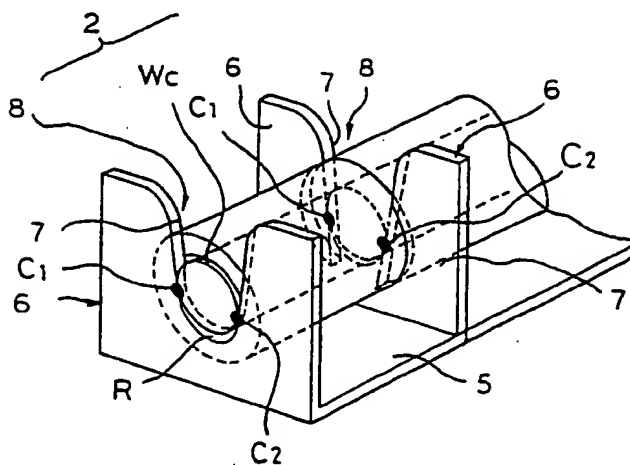
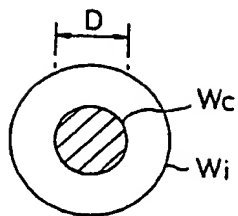
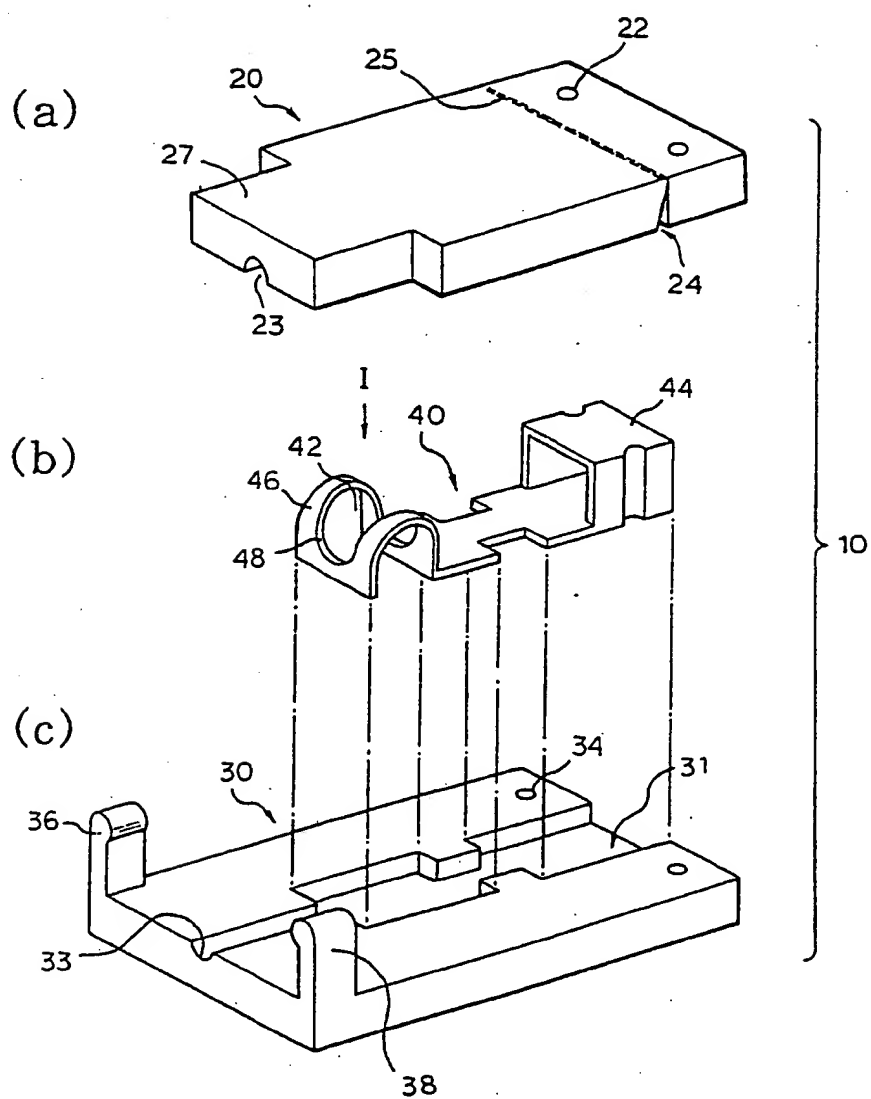


Fig. 2



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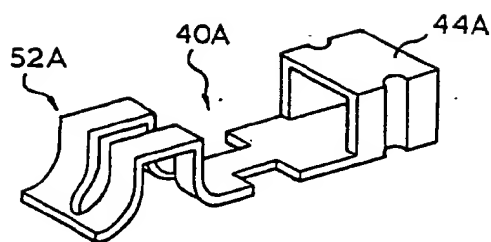
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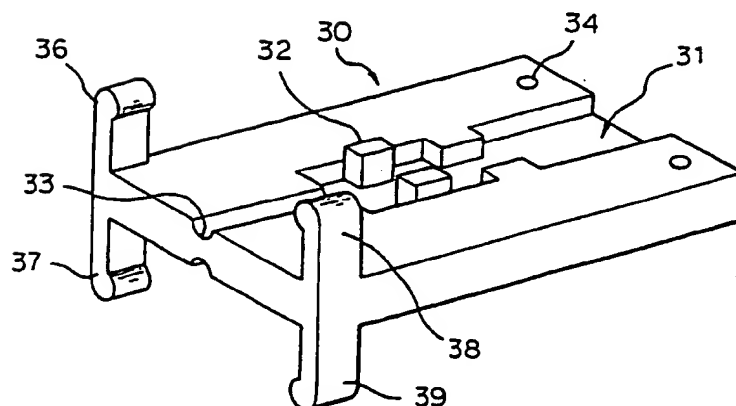
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Fig. 5

(a)



(b)



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Fig. 6

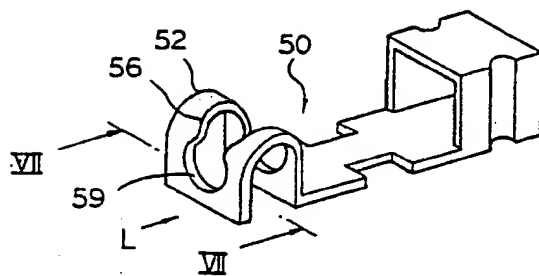


Fig. 7

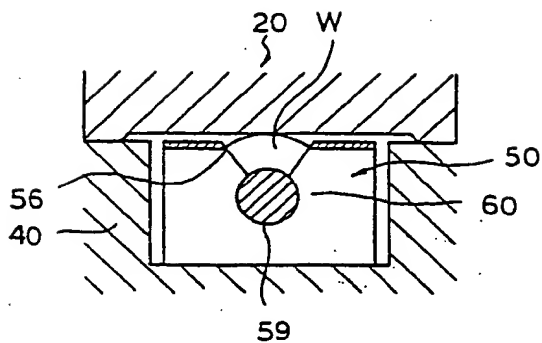
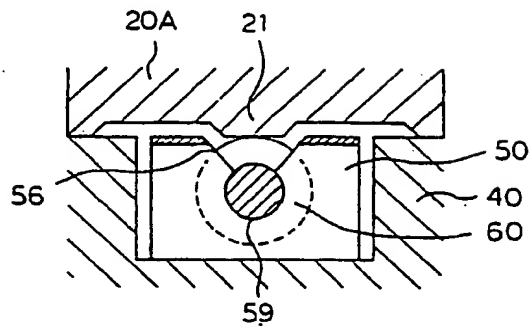


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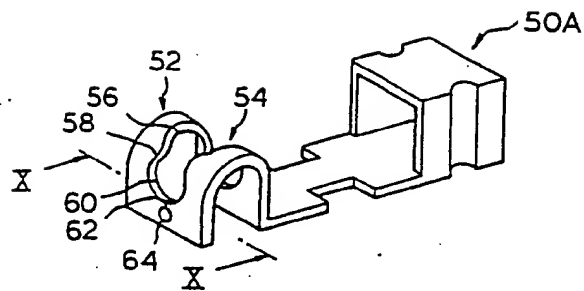


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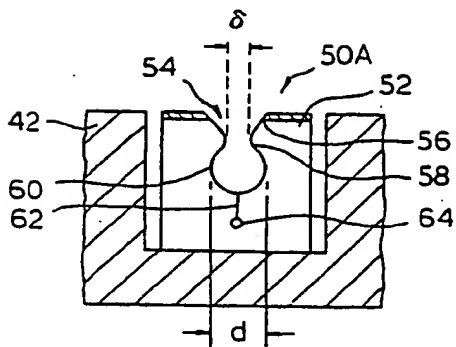


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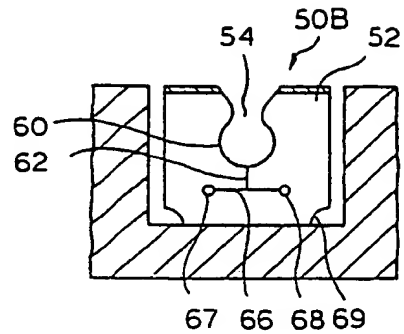


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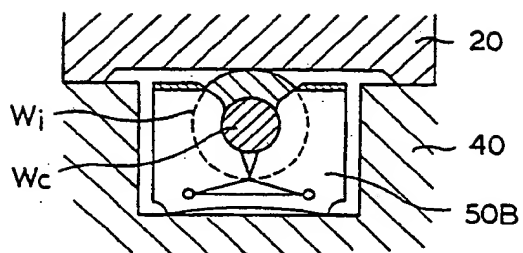


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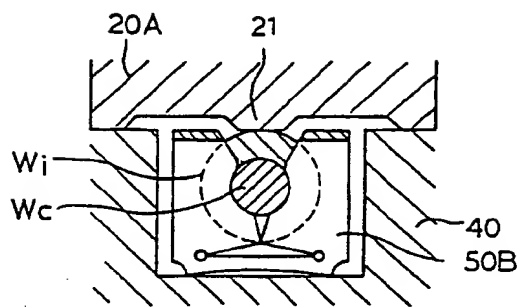


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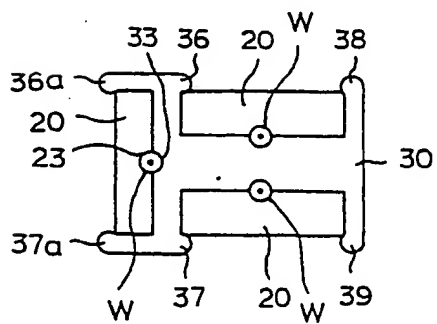


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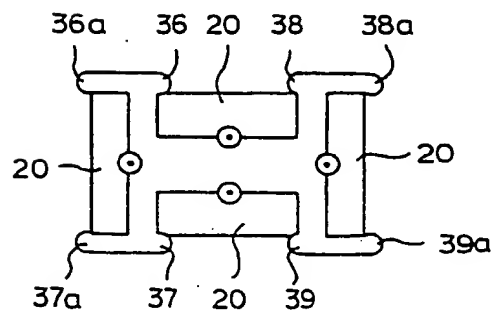
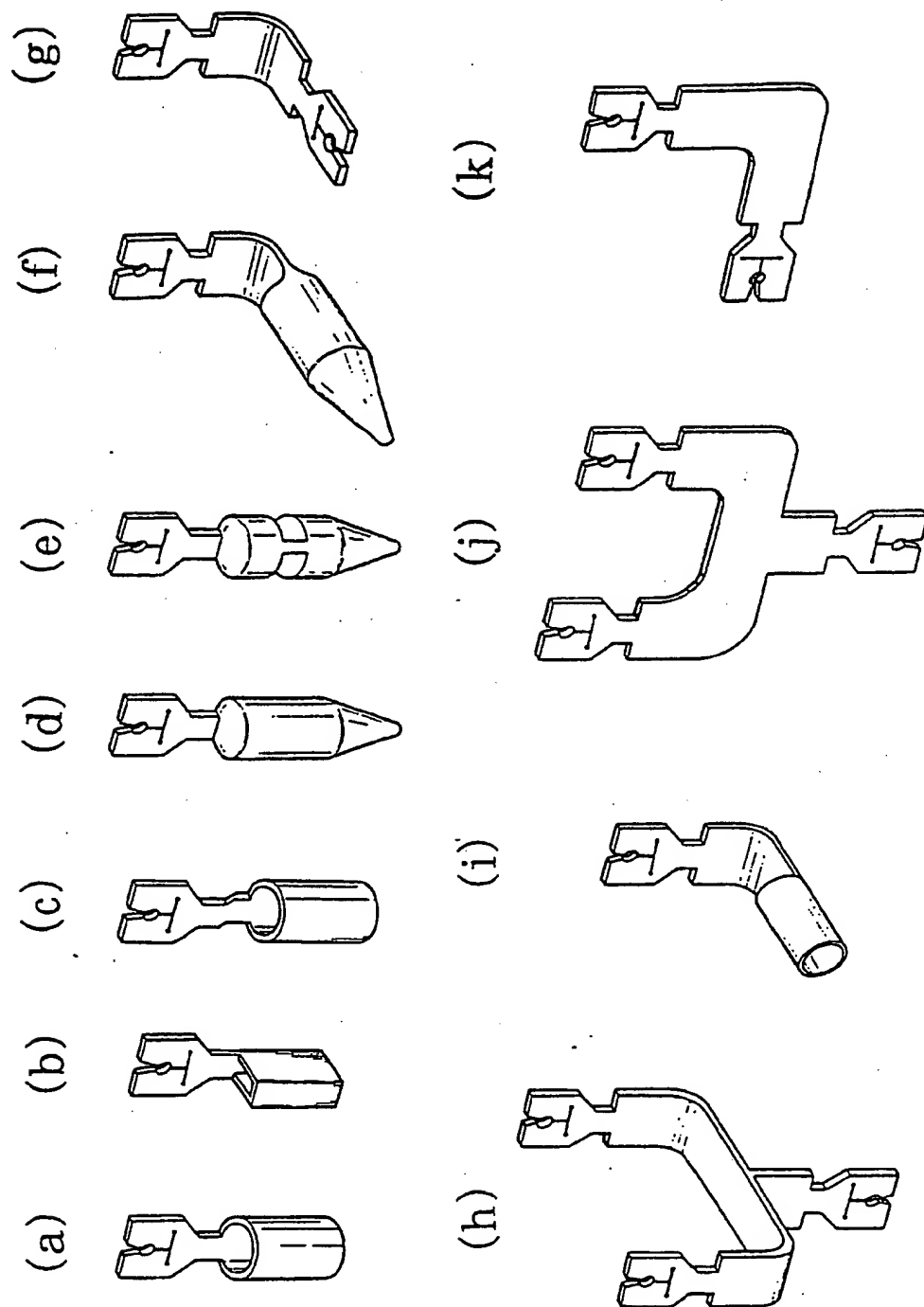


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